Epistolary.

NORTH MANCHESTER, IND.
June 11, 1889.

A. L. GARBER:

DEAR BROTHER:—While it seems that perilous times have befallen us as a nation, not only in the disaster of Johnstown in the East, but the burning of the city of Seattle in the north west, and cyclones in the west; and yet some of us ought to be thankful for the goodness and mercy that God is still bestowing upon us as a people. I think if ever there was a time that people should be stimulated to alleviate suffering humanity, it is now. And I am proud to be called a citizen of so grand and glorious a country as free America, who is moved with compassion toward her suffering children and that christian influence is scattered from shore to shore, which is being testified to by the thousands of dollars and by the train loads of supplies that are pouring into the city of Johnstown.

The scriptures are being verified; 'I was naked, and ye clothed me; hungered, and ye gave me meat.' Let every minister of every congregation in the land preach a sermon, applicable to the present condition of our suffering brethren and at the close of his discourse take up a collection for their benefit. If it is only small, yet in the aggregate it will amount to thousands.

I visited my charge at Bunker Hill, Sunday, June the 1st, and on Sunday night made an appeal to them in behalf of the sufferers, taking for our text the first line of the first verse of the lamentations of Jeremiah: 'How doth the city sit solitary that was full of people.' The text of course refers to the desolation of Jerusalem, but in our closing remarks we applied the desolation to Johnstown in its present condition, and while we were preaching Bro. Fox selected the hymn so appropriate to the occasion;

Rescue the perishing
Care for the dying.

While this was being sung we raised a collection of seven dollars and eighty cents, and with this communication, send it on its mission as a good Samaritan to the suffering ones, hoping that the blessings of God will rest on the donors and on those who may receive it. May all things work together for good to those that love the Lord.

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Responsive Declamation.

Delivered at the State Convention of the Brethren church held at Pleasant Hill, June 6-9, 1889, by Eliza Miller and Frank Duncan.

M. What will the harvest be?

D. It is a law both in nature and religion, that 'What a man sows, that shall he also reap.'

M. In natural things do we always reap the same kind of grain, fruit, seed and flowers that we sow?

D. We certainly do, for the Bible says that 'Trees, herbs, and grass, shall bear seed after their kind.'

M. Does the same law govern in morality and religion that governs in nature?

D. It surely does, for we are told that 'If we sow to the flesh, we shall of the flesh reap corruption, but if we sow to the Spirit, we shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.'

M. What are ways by which we may sow to the flesh?

D. The works of the flesh are set forth in the gospel and practicing, in word, deed or thought, or by cherishing in our hearts any of the evils there enumerated. We will sow to the flesh and the harvest will be corruption and everlasting death.

M. Is there any way by which we may sow to the flesh in this Convention, in our church work and in our conduct toward those who may meet with us from time to time?

D Yes, we may sow to the flesh even in this Christian assembly, and that in various ways.

M. Will you please define to us some of the ways in which this may be done?

D. By cultivating a spirit of fault-finding with each other as members of the church, by esteeming ourselves as being better than others, by fostering pride in our hearts and especially by neglecting to extend the hand of welcome to the poor, who may meet with us. In these, and in many other ways we may sow to the flesh and the harvest will be confusion tending toward division and ruin to the church.

M. In what way may we sow to the Spirit in our walk and conduct, in our church, our Sabbath School and in all the departments of Christian work?

D. By each esteeming others better than themselves as Paul says, 'In lowliness of mind' by treating each other with kindness and respect, by acts of benevolence in order to advance the interest of the church and Sabbath School, by deeds of charity to the poor, by being zealously engaged in every good work, thus our influence will expand and the church will reap a harvest of sowers.

M. Is there a specific seed that we may sow in order to reap a harvest of souls?

D. Yes, the seed is the Word of God, and it should be faithfully scattered by all of God's children, by the ministers, by the Sabbath School teacher and by every member of the church.

M. If we gather up the children and bring them to Sabbath School, teach them the Word of God, teach them to love the place, what will the harvest be?

D. They will learn to love the Bible, they will love those who treat them with kindness and the Sabbath School will reap the harvest of their presence and influence.

M. Will this be the only harvest that will result from this labor?

D. Not by any means. This seed-sowing will result in their conversion to God and in their eternal salvation and heaven will reap the everlasting harvest.

From the Convention.

Pleasant Hill is a beautiful little town about twenty-five miles north of Dayton in Miami Co., in the noted Miami Valley. Here the Brethren have a very flourishing church and are at present enjoying quite a revival with Bro. Isaac Kilhefner as their pastor; some forty accessions in the last few months. At the time of the convention ten were united by baptism. Here is where the Sunday School and church convention was held.

The convention in the main was a success. It accepted Ashland College, adopted the new Constitution, elected the required number of trustees, and pledged her moral and financial support, and I hope it may never be a dead letter.

The children's entertainment on Saturday evening was a prominent feature of the convention. The beautiful songs and recitations were well rendered and speaks very highly of their ability and good taste. The children's meeting on Sunday afternoon conducted by Dr. Brumbaugh, of Dayton, was highly entertaining as well as very instructive, and no doubt made many good impressions on the youthful mind and was much appreciated by all. This closed the exercises. Although the convention is now one of the things of the past, yet we revert with pleasant reflections to this happy occasion.

The forming of acquaintances, the meeting of friends, the friendly greetings, the pleasant associations, made us feel that it was good to be there. The Pleasant Hill Brethren did all in their power to make us welcome, and they have nobly succeeded, and they have our best wishes. May God bless them.

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From Johnstown, Penn.

Bro. Benjamin Benshoff, of Johnstown, or rather a surburban village, Rosedale, writes us the following, with some other information regarding the terribleness of the flood:

The past ten days have been very solemn to those of us who are left, hunting and taking out the dead, wounded, men, women and children. Friends in tears, guards asking you for passes, look where you will in the flooded parts you see wrecked houses piled together, and churches damaged. The people are somewhat bewildered, business is closed, many are fed with provisions coming from Pittsburg and other sections. At present it looks as if things might be shaped and the works be rebuilt. Among the many lost it is surprising to the brethren that there is not more than four or five of them missing. But their house in Kernville is damaged some. The north-west corner is knocked out, and is damaged some little other ways. Brother Rittgers is to try to raise some means to help repair it.

There has been a great deal of kindness shown, for which we feel very thankful, but if kindness and liberality stops here, we know not what the result might be. The past has been terrible; what the future may be we know not, but trust in the mercy of God. I am past 57 years; have seen may things in my time, but this has almost unnerved me.

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